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**Position Los Angeles County to Respond to Large Scale Disaster Clean-Up Effort**

Agenda Item 48 authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to award contracts to various providers for as-needed emergency debris removal services in an annual aggregate sum of \$25 Million. DPW deserves acknowledgement for their foresighted preparation in the event of a disaster in which significant debris removal is required. Given our previous experiences, including with the wind storms in November 2011, it is clear that these types of events can and do happen.

While these contracts will allow DPW to be prepared for relatively small-scale disasters, it is of equal importance that the County of Los Angeles be prepared to handle large-scale events, including major earthquakes and floods that could cost over \$100 Million to clean up. For an event of such magnitude, it may be useful to have a specific contractor in place that is prepared to provide a range of services.

When soliciting such services, the experience and qualifications of the contractor, as well as their financing and bonding capability to handle clean-up efforts after major disasters, should be assessed in order to optimize the Los Angeles County's ability to seek federal reimbursement for services.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Director of the Department of Public Works to report back to the Board of Supervisors in writing within 45 days as to whether a procurement process would be beneficial to identify a prime and secondary contractor to be prepositioned to oversee clean-up efforts for a disaster with a projected clean-up cost of over \$100 Million. Should it be determined that a procurement process is beneficial, the Chief Executive Officer is directed to report back in writing to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days with a summary of the qualifications required and summary of their proposed procurement process.

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